

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A mobile communication apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving information;  
transmission means for transmitting information;  
surrounding environment detection means for detecting communication obstacles which shield wireless signals ~~disturbing propagation of said information~~ in the surrounding environment;

communication state decision means for making decisions as to the communication state quality based on ~~the detected presence or absence of communication obstacles~~ detection results indicating whether or not there are communication obstacles shielding the wireless signals;

and

control means, which transmits received information via the transmission means when the surrounding environment detection means detects no communication obstacles and the communication state decision means decides that the mobile unit is in a satisfactory communication state.

2. (previously presented): The mobile communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the communication state decision means decides that the mobile unit is in an unsatisfactory communication state if the surrounding environment detection means detects the communication obstacles, the control means transmits the information received by the reception

means via the transmission means only if no information identical to the received information is received again within a predetermined period of time after its receipt.

3. (previously presented): The mobile communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the surrounding environment detection means is an imaging means installed in the mobile unit.

4. (previously presented): The mobile communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception means and the transmission means is a wireless communication device.

5. (currently amended): A mobile communication apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving information;  
transmission means for transmitting information;  
surrounding environment detection means for detecting communication obstacles which shield wireless signals disturbing propagation of said information in the surrounding environment;

communication state decision means for making decisions as to the communication state quality based on detection results indicating whether or not there are communication obstacles shielding the wireless signals; the detected presence or absence of communication obstacles;

and

control means, which transmits, via the transmission means, information received by the reception means if the communication state decision means decides that the mobile unit is in a satisfactory communication state.

6. (currently amended): A mobile communication apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving information;  
transmission means for transmitting information;

surrounding environment detection means for detecting communication obstacles which shield wireless signals disturbing propagation of said information in the surrounding environment;

communication state decision means for making decisions as to the communication state quality based on detection results indicating whether or not there are communication obstacles shielding the wireless signals; the detected presence or absence of communication obstacles;

and

control means, which transmits, via the transmission means, the information received by the reception means only if no information identical to that information is received again within a predetermined period of time after its receipt when the communication state decision means decides that the mobile unit is in an unsatisfactory communication state.